



# Orientation Meeting Resources

## European Heritage Home-Stay Information

Home-stays are one cornerstone of People to People Ambassador Programs. Home-stays fulfill the People to People Ambassador Programs' mission to bridge cultural and political borders through education and exchange, making the world a better place for future generations. The home-stay visit is arranged by a local school in Germany, Switzerland, or Austria with families of the students attending the school. Students should be prepared for an occasional expense during the home stay for extracurricular activities with their home-stay family.

### Basics

- Three-night home stay.
- Leaders will predominantly be in home stays during this period (usually with teachers from the school.)
- Families primarily speak German; English is a secondary language and may only be spoken by the European student(s) in the home.
- An onsite coordinator is available at all times to assist with any emergencies or challenges that may arise during the home stay.
- People to People Ambassador Program's students are not paired in home stays on this program, but stay in homes with European students of approximately the same age.
- The legal drinking age in Europe is 16. European students over 16 may legally drink alcohol, but have been instructed not to offer or provide it to any People to People Ambassador Programs delegates.
- Families may smoke, but students with smoke allergies or asthma indicated on their health form will be placed in a non-smoking home.

### Activities

- Meals (three per day.)
- Activities with the home stay family and the school.

### Suggested Gifts for Home Stay Families

It is suggested, but not required, that delegates and leaders bring **one** of the following to present as a goodwill gift:

- Picture of yourself with your family, home or school, at a sporting event, etc.
- Handwritten thank you note
- Postcard from your hometown
- Something that represents your city or state
- Something that represents **you**